Wednesday, *the* *4th August 1943* / *19th Karkadagam 1118*

The Council met in the Council Hall Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq. C.I.E., I.C.S.) in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesley, L. M. Pylee, Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

M. L. Cs.—MINISTER'S PARTY—APPOINTMENT OF—REQUEST FOR

84. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister has asked for appointments to certain M. L. Cs. who belong to his party?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

CO-ORDINATION OF DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE MINISTER—SCHEME FOR

85. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Minister for Rural Development has prepared a scheme for the co-ordination of some of the departments under him;

(*b*) if so, what is the scheme;

(*c*) what progress has it made?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is a scheme to co-ordinate the activities of the departments of the Transferred half.

(*c*) The scheme is under consideration of Government.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I take it, Sir, that the Hon'ble Minister has sent up his scheme.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* We want to know from the Hon'ble Ministr whether the scheme has been prepared by the Hon'ble Minister and sent up to Government.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It has not been sent up. It is pending with the Minister.

CHORAKULAM—IMPROVEMENT OF

86. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women):* (*a*) Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table the Government Proceedings, D. Dis. 14813/17, dated 28th April 1942, Development Department, regarding improvements to Chorakulam in the Kurkancheri Panchayat area;

(*b*) has the work been undertaken in 1118;

(*c*) if not, why not?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) Copy of the Government Proceedings, D. Dis. 14813/17, dated 28th April 1942 is Appended.*

(*b*) No.

(*c*) For want of funds.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women):* Since it is a very important matter, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to start the work at least early in 1119?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall try to take it up if funds are available. I shall look into it.

M. L. Cs.—APPOINTMENT TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE

87. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government has noted that the recruitment of M.L.Cs. as Government Officers, honorary or otherwise has interfered with the freedom and fearlessness of the Members of the Council and its liveliness;

*See Appendix I

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